

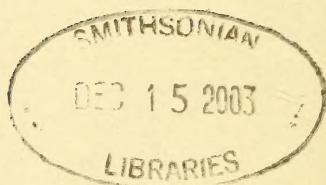
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This bureau is in receipt of numerous requests for Indian names suitable for use by Camp Fire Girls and as camp names, and often for the translation into one or more of the many Indian languages of English expressions involving concepts wholly foreign to the Indian mode of thought. It is impossible for the bureau to devote the time and to meet the expense of special research incident to questions of this kind.

Appended is a selection of simplified Indian names designed to meet most of the requests received. The pronunciation of these names is as follows: *a* as in father; *â* as in law; *e* as *a* in hate; *i* as in machine; *ai* as in aisle; *u* as in rule. Short vowels are indicated in the customary manner (ă, ě, ĭ, ō, ŭ); *ñ* is nasalized, as in drink. The consonants are as in English.

PERSONAL NAMES

DAKOTA (SIOUX)

Chúmani.....	Dewdrops.	Wañyécha.....	Firefly.
Chañtéyukañ....	Benevolent.	Wicháka.....	To be true.
Chápa.....	Beaver.	Wa.....	Snow.
Chañtésuta.....	To be firm of heart.	Zitkála.....	Little bird.
Akikta.....	One who works with determination.	Zóñta.....	Trustworthy.
Machá.....	The aurora.	Wakápa.....	To excel.
Kimímela.....	The butterfly.	Wápika.....	Skillful.
Taňkáku.....	Her younger sister.	Wakñyela.....	Dove.
Wózhupiwi.....	The planting moon (May).	Wóape.....	Hope.
Wóksapiwi.....	The harvest moon (August).	Wówashi.....	A worker.
Wakpála.....	Streamlet; little stream.	Mahpíyato.....	Blue cloud.
Wíshtecha.....	Modest.	Winóna.....	First-born daughter.
Wakíchoñze.....	A leader.	Wiyushkin.....	Harmonious.
		Nahimana.....	Mystic.
		Wichaka.....	Loyal.
		Wiyapka.....	Radiant.
		Washte.....	[it is] Beautiful.

OMAHA

Mítēna.....	The coming moon.	Tadéwi.....	Wind woman.
Mígina.....	The returning moon.	Táigi.....	The returning new moon.
Míhewi.....	Sun woman.	Weushi.....	Helpful to every- body.
Táini.....	The coming new moon.	Urika.....	Useful to all.

OSAGE

Iniabi	Refers to the sun, on which all life depends.	Mina	Elder sister.
Misac	The white sun.	Wihe	Younger sister.
Niabi	Fawn ("One that is spared by the hunter").	Cola	Friend.
		Watóge	Athlete.
		Washóshe	Warrior.
		Giwinke	Faithful.
		Wazhin tunga	Courage.

COOS

Wáwa	Little girl.	Aléshanee	She plays all the time.
Oóyu	Rainbow.	Towáyam	Beloved by all; lovable.
Yiméyam	Bright.	Heeneékis	Equal to any.
Álka	She is afraid.	Tkális	Sun.
Nehewitsin	Pretty.	Háyooaháina	She is very active.
Mitsis	Wise.		
Yoómee	Star.		

BLACKFOOT

Kokatosi	Star.	Aponi	Butterfly.
Nituna	My daughter.	Kiniks	Rosebud.

DELAWARE

Cholena	Bird.	Woatawes	Flower.
Chimalus	Bluebird.	Minal	Fruit.
Cholentit	Little bird.	Tankho	Small.
Zelozelos	Cricket.		

CHEYENNE

Ístas	Snow.	Ioviano	Yellow hawk.
Otókson	Little stars.	Nakashgonam	My child.
Viho	Chief.	Hoimani	Lawmaker.
Woiviho	Cloud chief.	Ihikona	Industrious worker.

CHEROKEE

Ayüñli	First in the dance; dance leader.	Sinásta	Expert.
Kamáma	Butterfly.	Saláli	Squirrel.
Nákwisi	Star.	Salá'liníta	Young squirrel.
Adsila	Blossom.	Awiníta	Young deer.
Ayíta	Worker.	Táyaníta	Young beaver.
Gatáyahi	Jealous one.	Yána	Bear.
Galílahi	Amiable; gentle; attractive.	Ináli	Black fox.
Gatítla	They run to her.	Nuñdayéli	Midday sun.
Gahistíski	Peacemaker.	Tsuñgani	Excels all others.
		Nandayehri	Sunshine.
		Ugüñwiyuhi	Chief.

SENECA

Deweñ'doñs.....	It swings.	Ogoñwage'soñ....	Along the hillside.
Gaon'ya'was.....	It shakes the sky.	Awe'ogon.....	Nothing but
Gaji'jens.....	Its flowers fall.		flowers.
Gahadi'yas.....	It crosses the forest.	Awei'noñ.....	Moving flowers.
Ganoñwi'yas.....	It crosses the	Aweñde'a.....	Early day.
	swamp.	Gaguyewak'hon..	It awakens them.
Saiyen'gu.....	Lost again in mist.	Gaha'dihse.....	It drags the forest.
Yaneñowi.....	She guards the corn.	Ganonkwénon....	She is alert.
Goñwasgoñ'gwen..	She took one from		
	the water.		

CHIPPEWA (OJIBWA)

Swangideed.....	Brave, courageous.	Wábanang.....	Eastern star; morn-
Memengwa.....	Butterfly.		ing star.
Chamaniked.....	Canoe maker.	Inawendiwin.....	Friendship.
Ogima.....	Chief.	Nitagewinini.....	Good hunter.
Ogimáwiwin.....	Chieftainship.	Makisinikewinini.	Moccasin maker.
Nâmid.....	Dancer.	Wâwinges.....	Skillful.
Odânisima.....	Daughter.	Wábaningosi.....	Snowbird.
Bidâban.....	It begins to dawn.	Anâng.....	Star.
Enâbandang.....	Dreamer.	Songitehe.....	Strong hearted.
Migisi.....	Eagle.		

TAOS

Ancháli.....	Painter.	Hlátsíwana.....	Great eagle.
Kwólana kúyui..	Handsome girl.		

ALGONQUIAN

Soketao.....	Strong hearted.	Kitei.....	Great.
Meyotao.....	True hearted.	Assiningwe.....	Stone face.
Kwamestowa			
(abbr.).....	Guardian.		

ARAPAHO

Hanhananank... White wolf.

CAMP NAMES

CHEROKEE

Adáhi.....	In the woods; forest place.
Taláhi.....	In the oaks; oak forest.
Natsíhi.....	In the pines.
Tsiskwáhi.....	Bird place.
Amai'yúlti.....	Waterside; near the water.
Tahígwa.....	At peace.
Salúyi.....	In the thicket.
Inagéi.....	In the wilderness.
Watuhíyi.....	Beautiful place.
Gatúsi.....	In the mountain.
Ahalúna.....	Lookout place.
Unalíyi.....	Place of friends.
Unilawísti.....	Council place.
Gatíyi.....	Town house (tribal dance and council house).
Akwénasa.....	My home.

Amadáhi.....	Forest water.
Ayeliyu adáhi.....	In the heart (middle) of the woods.
Ūntalúlti.....	On the bank of the lake.
Elitséhi.....	Green meadow; verdant fields.
Ustanáli.....	Rock ledge.
Nūnta udéliga.....	Sunset.
Yánáhi.....	Bear place.
Wahiliyi.....	Eagle place.
Kūltsá'te ūntalúlti.....	House by the lake.
Kūltsá'te adáhi.....	House in the woods.

IROQUOIS

Wáskwaha.....	} Camp; temporary shelter.
Kanósera.....	
Kahágon.....	In the forest.
Otáhnagon.....	In the pine woods.
Yotahokda.....	At the end of the trail.
Shenandoah.....	Land of big mountain.
Onagehsona.....	Silver birches.
Onontakah.....	Hillside.

CHIPPEWA

Chickagami.....	By the lake.
Wasábinang.....	Outlook; at the place of looking.
Nisátin.....	At the foot of the mountain.
Minítik.....	Island; one covered with trees.
Wakitátina.....	On the hilltop.
Anokiwáki.....	Hunting ground.
Pikwátina.....	Hill or mountain.
Anwébewin.....	Rest; quietness.
Gaběshiwin, nibewin.....	Camp.
Ningaběsh.....	I camp.
Ogimawigamig.....	In the chief's lodge.
Nawakwa.....	In the middle of the forest.
Chigakwa.....	Near the forest.
Wigiwam.....	Lodge.
Wanagekogamig.....	Lodge of cedar bark.
Wigwasiwigamig.....	Lodge of birch bark.
Wakaigan.....	Log house.
Manakiki.....	Maple forest.
Ininatig.....	Maple tree.
Miskwawak.....	Red cedar.
Mishkwawakokang.....	In a place where there are red cedars.
Agaming.....	On the shore.
Mitigwaki.....	Woods (forest).
Mitigwaking.....	In the woods.
Nopiming.....	In a forest.
Wayekwamok.....	At the end of the trail.
Tcikadin.....	Hillside.
Wigwassan.....	Silver birches.
Wigwass.....	Birch (tree).
Ningabianiganig.....	Sunset lodge.
Ningabianong.....	Sunset point.
Tekene.....	Dark forest.
Bimakwa.....	Thick woods.

EASTERN ALGONQUIAN

Sipsis	Little river or brook.
Odina	Mountain.
Wadjiw	Mountain.

DELAWARE

Wappacomo	Land of white fog.
Wanamingo	Place of red clay.
Talala paseying	Cedar valley.
Paseying	Valley.
Wikwamis	Small lodge.
Wasigan	Sunset.

ALGONKIN

Wayekwakana	At the end of the trail.
Chebegamig	Haunted place.

MISCELLANEOUS CAMP AND CLUB NAMES

Language	Name	Meaning
Arikara	Akanu	Lodge.
Crow	Ashé	Lodge.
Arapaho	{Awi	Lodge.
	{Naiset	Sunset.
Mohawk	{Jonito otára	Beaver club or society.
	{Otyókwá	A group or body of persons forming a single fellowship.
Miami	{Assándawi	Place of sunshine.
	{Tapawíngo	Place of joy.
Huron	Katinónkwat	Heart's desire.
Chippewa	Amikawa-odódem	Beaver club or society.
Cheyenne	Ninovan	Our home.
Cree	Wuskeew-atik	Birch (tree).
Choctaw	Opahaksun	Birch (tree).
Sioux	Wahibadab	Peaceful.
Tewa	Nava soyo	Broad fields.

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